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**Subject:** wall mart is bad for business

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Wal-marts are bad for local business...we own a t-shirt company and we sell our sweat shop free clothing for 24 dollars, which is low-end for cool trendy tees, but then you have wal mart buying the tshirts at unbelievable low wholesale prices and selling them for even lower retail prices that makes it very difficult for hard working and reasonably priced tshirt companies to compete...

furthermore, wal mart supplies low level jobs that do not contribute that much to overall economy...it would be much nicer to see family owned business paying the same workers for making a difference in peoples lives on a more personal level than being asked to direct people around a mega complex...

culturally...wal mart can not compete with the value and craftmanship of product developers and store owners who try to provide quality products for quality people...wal mart houses cheap stuff that has little positive cultural and aethetic impact on peoples lives...when i buy a chair i would like to appreciate the work that went into it rather than buy four plastic chairs made in another country in a sweatshop that i would break or throw away in a years time...

wal mart is not timeless like so many of the jewels of local business found in small towns and pockets of urban cities...

also if people did have the opportunity to buy such cheap stuff and money is not the bottom line...quality of life is...then people would be force to become more creative and waste less...

thanks

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